

Amendments to the Claims:

Amend the following claims as indicated below:

1. (Amended) A device for handling money, including:
money handling apparatus;
an internal controller for controlling the money handling apparatus;
a first port for removable connection to an external controller for communication with the internal controller; and
a second port for removable connection to a further device for handling money;
wherein the internal controller is arranged to communicate over the second port with the further device using a communications protocol; and
wherein the communications protocol supports [enables] communication between the internal controller and any one of at least first and second different types of device for handling money, the first type handling money of a different type from those handled by the second type.
8. (Amended) A device for handling money, including:
money handling apparatus;
an internal controller for controlling the money handling apparatus;
a first port for removable connection to an external controller for communication with the internal controller; and
a second port for removable connection to a further device for handling money for communication with the internal controller;
wherein the internal controller is arranged to copy the content of at least some signals between the first port and the second port without modification thereof.

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14. (Amended) A method of communication for a money handling apparatus, including:
- communicating with an external controller over a first port; and
 - communicating with a further money handling apparatus over a second port;
- wherein the content of at least some signals is copied between said first and second ports without modification.